Tax paid by backward communities in Nattakam pakuthi.

193. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons belonging to the backward communities in Nattakam pakuthi in Kottayam taluk who pay tax, and to place on the table a statement, by caste, of those persons?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI:

Total number	48
Pulayas	44
Parayas	4

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY: ഇവിടെ കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്ന സ്റ്റേറ്റുമെൻറിൽ ഒരു രൂപയോ അതിൽ കൂടുതലോ കരം കൊടുക്കുന്നവരെ ഉണ്ടോ എന്നു പറയുവാൻ മാത്രമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: അതു വിവരമായി അറിഞ്ഞു് ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ മെമ്പർ അറിയിച്ചുകൊള്ളാം.

Opening of a Public market and Anchal Office at Vellur.

194. *MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of Vellur and the adjoining villages in the Vaikom taluk praying for the opening of a public market and an Anchal Office at Vellur and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative whether they have taken any step on the basis of that representation?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in the light of the answer to (a) above.

Fish producing centres.

195. *MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the coastal regions of Ambalapuzha and Shertallai are the large fish producing centres?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Labour question in coir industry.

196. *MR. P. S. MAHOMED: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the statistical table No. 24 recorded in page 223 of the George Committee Report on the labour question in coir industry?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: As table No. 24 is already printed and is available, the question is not understood.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED: ആലപ്പുഴയിലേയും ചേർത്തലയിലേയും കൂലി കർഷക തമ്മിൽ വ്യത്യാസമുള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes.

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MR. P. S. MAHOMED: ആലപ്പുഴയേക്കാൾ ചേർത്തല കൂലി കുറവാണോ, കൂടുതലാണോ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The wages are less at Shertallai than at Alleppey.

Co-ordination in the work of the Development Departments.

197. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any scheme before the Government to co-ordinate the work of (a) Agricultural, (b) Industries, (c) Co-operative and (d) Forest Departments and if so what it is?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The Government are endeavouring to co-ordinate the work of these departments especially with reference to post-war requirements.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any co-ordination between the Co-operative Inspector and the Agricultural Inspector?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Sir, the whole question is being considered. At present there is no special co-ordinating agency. Government are considering the question of establishing an agency.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know how long it will take before the present scheme is brought into effect?

PRESIDENT: Say, within a few months. The Government are trying to see the possibility of bringing all these under one joint Board operating more or less as one unit. These are the lines on which the matter is proposed to be dealt with.

Vidwan Examination of the Travancore University.

198. *MR. D. THOMAS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) to which class or examination the candidates who pass the Vidwan examination of the Travancore University will be admitted if they wished to continue their studies; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any idea of introducing 'Bachelor of Oriental Languages' or any equivalent examination in the Travancore University?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) The Vidwan Examination of the Travancore University does not at present lead to any higher examination in the University.

(*b*) Not at present.

Improvement of Public Libraries in the State.

199. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by them for the improvement of public libraries in the State?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Director of Public Instruction*): The opening of new and the continuance of the existing libraries are encouraged and grant-in-aid is allowed according to rules in deserving cases

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